

**Form 12. Informal Brief (Secretary of Veterans Affairs Cases Under 38 U.S.C. § 502)**

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FEDERAL CIRCUIT

\_\_\_\_\_. v. \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Informal Brief of Appellant

Read the Guide for Pro Se Petitioners and Appellants before completing this form. Attach a copy of the action or regulation of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs that is subject to judicial review. Answer the following questions as best you can. Your answers should refer to the Secretary's action or regulations where possible. Use extra sheets if needed.

1. Have you ever had another case in this court? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No If so, state the name and number of each case.

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2. What action of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs do you want reviewed by this court?

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3. What regulations, if any, of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs do you want reviewed by this court?

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4. What errors or fact or law are found in the Secretary's action or regulations? Explain in detail.

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**Form 12. (continued)**

5. Have you exhausted the administrative remedies available? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No Explain in detail all the steps you have taken within the Department of Veterans Affairs to obtain the relief you are seeking.

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6. What action do you want the court to take in this case?

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7. Do you want to argue before the court in person? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No What are the reasons why argument will aid the court? (Refer to paragraph 15 of the Guide.)

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8. Do you intend to represent yourself? \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ No If you have not filed a notice of appearance, indicate your full name, address, and telephone number.

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9. I certify that a copy of this brief and any attachments was sent to \_\_\_\_\_, the attorney for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, at the following address: \_\_\_\_\_. (Address is found on the Notice of Appearance served on you by the attorney for the Secretary. If you do not send a copy of this brief to the attorney for the Secretary, the court will not file the brief.)

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Date

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